

The Conquest Trilogy Part I

Chapter 1

A man dressed in black with orange hair walks in front of the king's castle. Two guards stand in front of the king's castle and they look at the man in black. The man in black reaches into one of his pockets and he pulls out an ID tag. He said, "I am John Hirsch and the king has requested for me to visit him. He said it was important." One of the guards said, "Yes of course. You may proceed." The guard walks to a control panel and he presses a button on it and the giant door to the king's castle opens and John Hirsch walks in. John walks through the foyer and he looks at the ancient and historic statues of kings and other important people that lived long ago. He sees a large carpet that is stitched so that it is a picture of the king and the royal family. John walks around the castle foyer looking for where he has to go. The old king stands on the large velvet stairway and he said, "John Hirsch. I'm glad to see you can come. Right this way." John Hirsch follows the king. He walks with the king. John said, "Why did you call me here?" The king said, "I will explain when I get to my office. It is of utmost importance. It regards the future of our kingdom and of our colonies on the other side of the portal. John said, "I wonder what this could be."

They walk down a long and wide hallway where more paintings and gold is shown. A teenage boy steps out into the hallway and he said, "I told the butler to bring me a glass of ginger ale half an hour ago. Where is he?" The king and John walk by the teenage boy and the king said, "Our butler got sick again from trying food one of our servants made for me. I think it was spiked with poison. You will get your ginger ale soon enough, Drex." The King and John walk past him and John said, "Who was that?" The king said, "That is my great nephew, Drex Diffusion. His parents died in a tragic trolley accident last year and he has come to live with us. He seems to be a bit spoiled but who could blame him for that?" John said, "Right." The king shows John to his office and the king takes a seat behind his desk and John takes his seat in front of the king's desk. John said, "Now tell me what this is about."

The king said, "Things are getting worse." John said, "How so?" The king said, "I fear we have a traitor among us. You have been training, right?" John said, "Ever since I've been selected to be a mystical warrior, I've been training all day every day." The king said, "Good. I need someone with your talent. I picked up your transcript from your professor and he says you've done very well. That is why I've selected you for this task. I've set up a training school for mystical warriors in the new world that we opened from the portal. I thought they could train there and fight in battles in our conquest so we can rule the other world as soon as possible. But that has not been happening. A mystical warrior has teamed up with the Maloians and he is aiding them in their defense of their home world. Your mission is to attend this new school and figure out which one has been working with the Maloian pigs and report him to me. He will be executed for treason." John said, "We're losing the war because of him?" The king said, "I'm

afraid we are." John said, "I will do all I can to confront this menace and bring him to justice. I've been sword training too with my lime green light-sword." The king said, "I know you are a good swordsman. I know you have it in you." A middle-aged man enters the office and the king said, "My son, Leov will guide you out of the castle. Your transport leaves tomorrow morning." John gets up to leave and the king's son escorts him out.

John and Leov walk down the hallway and Leov said, "What has my father been telling you?" John said, "It's a secret and I'm not supposed to tell anyone about it." Leov said, "I know it is about my father being unfair to everyone. All he thinks about is himself and that stupid war he started. When he dies, I will become king and I will take command of the kingdom and I will end this pointless war we're in. What do you think of that?" John said, "I don't." John is escorted to the front foyer and he leaves the castle.

Chapter 2

It is the next morning and John packs up to leave and he leaves his small run-down house and he walks down the poor city streets. The streets are filled with poor people that hold out cups for money and they groan in pain. A beggar walks up to John and he said, "Do you have twelve pints for Kraemer?" John said, "No I don't." The beggar said, "C'mon, I know you do. You just don't want to give me anything." John waves his right hand around the beggar and he said, "I have nothing and you will leave me alone." The beggar leaves John. John walks to the docking port where the ship headed for the new world is docked. John shows his boarding pass to the boarding officer and John is allowed on the ship. John takes his seat which is right beside a window facing the wide-open sea. A red-haired mop-top guy takes a seat next to John and the guy looks at John and he sees John has a light-sword that is deactivated in his belt." The red-haired guy said, "You're a mystical warrior too?" John said, "Yes." The guy said, "I'm a mystical warrior. I have a red light-sword. I was just accepted to the new school they set up in our colony in the new world. I'm Konstantine." John said, "I'm John. I think I'm going to the new school that you're going to." Konstantine said, "That's great. I look forward to this. We're going to become the greatest killing machines the world will ever know." John said, "I guess so."

The ship leaves the dock and it sails out to sea and it sails to a portal. The ship sails through the portal and large purple flashing of white lightning bolts appear all around and the ship sails through all that. It comes out on the other end of the portal and it is still in the sea. It sails towards a dock that is less crowded than the dock in the mainland but there are several security guards and military men guarding the dock. The ship docks and John and Konstantine leave. They walk onto the damp grassy surface and they see a bus drives by with a sign that says it's headed for the campus. John and Konstantine board the bus and it drives them to the new campus. John looks out the window and he notices the new-world looks very bland compared to the old world. John grabs onto his light-sword handle and he fears that he could

get attacked at any moment. The bus stops at the campus and John and everyone on the bus get off and leave.

John walks to the entrance building and he is given a door key and information on where his room is. He takes his information pack and it comes with a gift bag that contains some treats and other offers and he heads for his room. He enters his small cubical room and he goes to one of the beds. He sees a twenty-year-old man with brown hair sit in the bed across from him. John said, "You're a new mystical warrior?" The man reaches for a light-sword handle and he presses a button on it and it reveals a light blue blade that sparkles. The twenty-year-old man said, "I'm Jack Prime. I was just selected to be a mystical warrior. I think this will finally be my chance to prove I am better than all those people that told me I would be a failure in life." John said, "I see. I became a mystical warrior and I had good grades from the school I went to in the old world so I was accepted into this school." Jack looks out the window and he said, "I hear they have Maloian spies that hide with us. I hear one of them is a mystical warrior and he has been helping the bad guys win." John said, "I never heard that one before."

Chapter 3

It is the next day and John goes to his first class. He sits in a lecture and he sees Konstantine and Jack are two of his fellow peers. John looks through his books and he takes out a note pad and he tries to take notes on possible suspects. Just then, the class professor walks out in the front of the class. He dresses in a black robe and he has a large black mustache with a monocle. He also has a silver and shiny prosthetic left leg. The professor begins to speak and he said, "I am professor Deadlock III. You can just call me professor or just Deadlock. I will be your only teacher this school term and I will train and educate all of you on what it truly takes to be a successful mystical warrior. I have fought in many battles in this current war and many of them were fought not that far away from this place. I lost my left leg in one of those battles as you can see here." Deadlock takes out a whiteboard and he starts writing on it. He said, "To be a mystical warrior is to divorce your mind and your thoughts away from your fears and everything you've been taught before. This is going to be very different." The professor continues to scribble notes and other odd things on the whiteboard.

The professor said, "The lecture portion is over. You will come with me to the next part and that is where the real fun happens." Everyone in the class stands up and they follow the professor and he takes them to a different room. They enter the other room and they see it is filled with machinery and orange and black gears that are grinding. The professor said, "This is where the school processes its energy and it also makes supplies needed for the war. You can see there are workers that are trying out the new weapons that are being produced by this machine. We will begin with some basic sword combat training." Everyone reaches for their light-swords and they turn them on. John turns on his light-sword revealing a large glowing green blade with sparkles around it. Jack turns his blue sword on and Konstantine turns on his light red blade again with white sparkles around it. The professor said, "I will begin, now." The

lights go out in the room and the place goes dark. The only light in the room is the light coming off the light-swords. John keeps a close grip on his sword and he detects with his mind that something is being thrown at him. John swings his sword at that direction and he slices an object in half. He holds his sword up to the object and he sees a chunk of metal lying on the floor that was cut in two with his sword. John keeps a close eye on all that is going around him. Jack slices down a few metal blocks and Konstantine does the same.

The class spends some time with this and then they hear their professor speak. The professor said, "You've all done well. I am proud of all of you. There is something you should still train for..." The class looks around the room and they see a figure that is covered with rings of light jumps from above. He walks towards the class. A student takes a swing at the figure and the figure punches the student down. More students try to fight the figure with their swords but the figure keeps punching them down. Konstantine blocks the attacks of the figure and Jack comes in and he takes a slash and the figure's head. The figure flinches for a few seconds and Jack does not hold back. Jack continues to use rage and he rapidly swings at the figure and he hits the figure several times. Konstantine stabs the figure in the middle of the body and he pulls his sword out. The figure flinches in pain and it grabs onto the blade of Konstantine's sword and the figure uses it to hit Konstantine in the face. Konstantine falls to the floor. John watches the whole thing and John jumps in and he tries to defend himself from the figure. John sees where the figure swings his arms and John anticipates where to swing his light-sword. John blocks the figure's attacks and John continues to play defense. Jack watches this and Jack jumps and he swings his sword at the figure's neck and Jack cuts the figure's head off. The figure falls and dies. The lights come back on in the room.

The professor walks in and he claps his hands. He said, "Bravo, bravo! I am proud of you all for trying. The winners of this class are our students, John Hirsch and Jack Prime. They deserve recognition for their first victory." The professor places gold medals on John and Jack. The professor said, "I also will give this silver medal to our honorable mention, Konstantine." The professor places the silver medal on Konstantine. The professor said, "That will be all for today. To those that didn't get a medal, try harder!" The students leave the class.

That night, John, Konstantine, and Jack sit at the school's bar and they are served orange beer with a thick white head. John said, "We only had one class really and something strange is going on." Konstantine said, "What do you mean?" John said, "How is it that a strange figure meant only for training was able to defeat the whole class except for us. I also question how it was possible for it to hit Konstantine with his sword and not have Konstantine killed or at least wounded. I wonder how that is." Konstantine said, "Maybe we are just that much better than all the students in our class." Jack said, "Everyone knows I'm smarter and better than all those other students. They were probably accepted into the program simply because the new school needs more students." John said, "That could be it. It looks like the politics are starting to place business in the art of being a mystical warrior too. I think there might be something wrong here." The professor walks over to the table that John, Konstantine, and Jack are sitting at. The professor said, "Well done again, all of you. I really like your fighting style, Jack. I know the military needs you for the war. Good job all of you." The professor leaves the table. John said, "This is what I mean. It seems like he has a special interest in you, Jack." Jack said, "He has all the reason to. I truly am the greatest mystical warrior to have ever lived." John said, "That's what scares me."

Chapter 4

The old country (Leglas, the kingdom the heroes are from) has its military setting up its garrison on a battlefield. They have their cannons set up and they have their troops with weapons set up too. The army commander takes out a pair of binoculars and he looks through them to see the other side of the battlefield. He spots a small building that is being occupied by the enemy forces. The commander places down the binoculars and he looks through the scope of a cannon and he takes out the keyboard on the cannon. He enters in the coordinates for the enemy building. The commander said, "We will strike on my command!" The commander keeps a careful watch on the enemy. The commander said, "Fire!" The military's cannon fires a red and black electric ball at the enemy's building and it destroys part of the building. The commander jumps in a tank and more tanks follow and they drive to the enemy's side. The enemy tries shooting at the tanks. At the part of the building that is still standing, a turret is revealed and it fires out red lightning bolts at the Leglas forces. It shoots at a tank and the tank explodes into a ball of fire. The commander opens the top hatch of this tank and he jumps out and he takes out a small gun and he shoots down a few ground troops. More ground troops are deployed into battle. Troops shoot at each other and troops on both sides are constantly getting picked off.

The commander said, "Blue unit, red unit, form on my sides!" Two soldiers take both sides of the commander and they follow him. The commander heads for the turret that is destroying their tanks and other ground forces. The commander and the troops that are with him take out harpoon guns and they fire them at the turret and the troops ride up to the platform that the turret is on. The commander said, "You two take out the troops around the turret. I will disarm the cannon." The two troops go and kill off the enemy forces including the soldier that is working the cannon. The commander stands in front of the cannon and he tries to disarm it. An enemy soldier comes out and he shoots and kills one of the troops that followed the commander to the turret. The dead troop's body hits the command keyboard of the cannon and it fires a red bolt that hits the commander and the commander falls off the platform and dies. The remaining troop that was sent with the commander takes control of the turret and he begins to blast down the remaining troops and he fires at the building destroying it completely. The troop reunites with his platoon and the remaining enemy troops march to the Leglas troops holding a large white flag. One of the Leglas troops said, "Victory." An observer takes note in a notepad on what is happening and he said, "The fatality number for this battle is 560 of our troops. We don't have a limitless number of troops. We've suffered loses like these in the past too. I'm afraid we might not have enough troops to win this war."

The king is sitting in his office looking over papers and he receives the reports from the most recent battle. The king sees the casualty list. He sees that Leglas is winning the war but it cannot truly win because there is a shortage of troops. The king's heart begins to pump rapidly and he grabs onto his heart. The king falls to the floor and he hits his help button on his desk. Paramedics that live in the castle come and they take the king to the castle's emergency room.

The king is connected to machines that are keeping him alive. His family surrounds him. The king looks at his family and he said, "Leov, my son, until I get better, I want you to speak for me. I want you to make the announcements. The public deserves to know about our current situation regarding troops."

Hundreds of people and TV crews gather around the king's castle based on rumors of the war. Leov walks out on the king's balcony and he said, "Fellow royal subjects of the kingdom of Leglas. Our king is sick. He suffered a serious heart attack that would have been fatal if we did not have an emergency room in the castle. I have even worse news. We have won all our recent battles but our soldier count is diminishing at a rapid rate. We have lost too many soldiers in the past few months that we may not have enough to continue fighting in the war. The king has requested for me to draft some people that I think might be eligible to be soldiers in the war."

The next day, "A telegram delivery man pays a visit to the room that John and Jack are staying at. The telegram delivery man hands John and Jack a telegram. John reads the telegram. John said, "To John Hirsch and Jack Prime, the kingdom of Leglas has an insufficient number of troops to continue fighting in this important war to expand our kingdom to another world. As a result of this, the two of you have been drafted to fight in this war. You are to report to the local military station today before 1500 hours." Jack said, "We are actually going to fight in the war? This is going to be sick." John said, "I fear many more bad things are yet to come."

Chapter 5

John, Konstantine, and Jack sit in class on the morning of the day they are supposed to report to the local military center. The professor enters the class. The professor said, "How many of you have been drafted?" The whole class raises their hands. The professor said, "That's what I thought. It looks like we're all going to see combat and we have not even trained properly. I don't fear this though. I've seen how you handled the training bot and you all tried hard. I was in battles in this war before and I know that the soldiers that the Maloians use are nowhere near as powerful as the thing I sent against you. I know you can win this battle. Especially those that managed to overcome the training bot. I'm looking at you, John and Jack." I know that it is not a good idea to mix politics with war and if I were the king, I would just let the Maloians live in peace on their land and have us remain on our crowded streets that are running low on resources."

A girl in the class raises her hand. She said, "How did this war start exactly?" The professor said, "That is a good question. There are a variety of reasons for why this war is happening. The first one being, there are supposed to be a set of crystals that allows for the portal to open between our world and theirs. After we entered, we discovered the Maloians and we tried to make peace with them. The Maloians didn't like the fact that the crystals were powerful in which they bridged the gap between our worlds. They stole two of the three crystals

and they refuse to give it back to us. With them having the two crystals and us only having one, they can enter our world at their own leisure. Our world is not safe from them. We also have a resource crisis in our world. We are running out of food and other resources needed to sustain life and the Maloians have it. If we can take over their land, we can have these resources so we won't run out of food and we will have more nice places to live so we won't be all crowded." Jack said, "This doesn't sound right. Why don't we just let the Maloians have our kingdom so they can rule over us. I hear their king is not the only ruler. They have these weird political events called, elections and they vote for people to help the king run their kingdom. I think we should try something like that." Professor said, "Leglas has been a successful kingdom for a thousand years and the king is not willing to sacrifice a whole dynasty just for some people we met only a few decades ago." Jack said, "Someone needs to make a change."

Later that day, the mystical warriors have enlisted in the army and they gather in a line while a colonel of the Leglas army makes a speech. The colonel said, "You have been drafted for this mission because the king believes your skills are what we need to end this war now. This war has been going on for more than a decade now and our soldier count is running low. We need your powers and your special abilities to defeat the pigs of Maloxia and take what is destined to be ours. Do I make myself clear?" All the mystical warriors say, "Sir, yes, sir!" The colonel said, "That's what we need. Our first strike is tomorrow at 0500 hours. Be there on time or you will get a penalty."

It is bedtime and John, Konstantine, and Jack get into bunk beds. Jack said, "Do any of you think this war is unfair and unjust?" John said, "This is what our king believes to be right and that means it must be right." Jack said, "What if our king is wrong and all this is just meaningless killing of thousands of people that could serve a good purpose in life?" John said, "Kings have always had good reasoning for doing the things they do. It may seem illogical to you but it is logical to the king. I trust this king. The king helped me when I was a small boy. He watched over me. He cared for me. I am only doing him a favor by helping him win his war. I want this king to be glorious in the history books." Jack said, "The king might just be brainwashing us and all of us have been brainwashed. The king is just a normal man like you and me. Our logic may be flawed. Why not, his?" John said, "Maybe your logic is flawed and this is why you are asking things like this." Jack said, "I hope I'm right. One day, you will all realize that I'm right and you're all wrong." John said, "That would be the day."

The next morning, it is dark outside and the mystical warriors ride in hover-ships covered with missiles and other weapons. The hover-ships fly over a Maloian city. John sits close to the pilot. John looks at the screen on the computer in the cockpit of the ship. The pilot said, "I have my orders from the king himself. He told us to make our first strike at their financial building. It is a dominate industry of theirs and it is a good place to strike." John looks outside and he tries to spot the financial building. John sees a building that reads, "First Financial" on the top. John said, "I think that's the place." The pilot reads the data in the computer. The pilot said, "Target confirmed. Firing, now." The pilot pulls the trigger in the cockpit and he fires a homing missile at the building and destroys the top of it. The enemy sends their helicopters to fire missiles at the hover-ships. A helicopter fires a plasma beam at the ship and it begins to crash to the ground. The mystical warriors and other soldiers jump out of the ship and they turn on their parachutes and they slowly fall to the ground. The enemies keep launching plasma beams at the mystical warriors. A few of the mystical warriors get shot by the beam. Most of them land

on the ground safely. John lands on the ground and he takes out his light-sword and he begins using it to block shots from enemy fire. Konstantine and Jack land too and they do the same.

John sees a Maloian soldier and he cuts the soldier. Konstantine runs into a group of enemy soldiers and he spins his light-sword around and he knocks down a large section of soldiers. Jack looks around the battlefield that used to be a perfectly good city and he sees the chaos and destruction. Jack just holds his sword and stands there and does not fight. Jack looks next to him and he sees a plasma beam being fired. The beam travels across the ground and it stops right beside Jack. Jack just stands near Konstantine and John and he tries to pretend to fight but he does not actually fight anything. Jack begins to sweat and shake in fear. He sees a tank drive down the street and the plasma beam travels across the ground and it destroys the tank. John said, "Konstantine, Jack, we need to find the source of the plasma beam and stop it. Then we will be able to push the Maloians out of the city allowing us to take control. Follow me." John runs and Konstantine and Jack follow him. John reaches in his pocket and he pulls out a computer and John types coordinates into the computer. The computer points John towards the heart of the city. John turns that way and Konstantine and Jack follow. They run past two Maloian soldiers and John kills both of them with his sword. They keep running and they see a large tower that has the plasma beam on the roof. They see their hover-ships try to fire missiles and other weapons at it but they do nothing because it is shielded. The plasma beam fires and it vaporizes the hover-ships above trying to destroy it.

John leads an attack into the building. Average soldiers and well as other mystical warriors cut the doors down with their swords and they see a large number of soldiers in the lobby. The mystical warriors rapidly swing their swords and the soldiers fire at the enemy soldiers. All the enemy soldiers are dead within a matter of seconds and the group heads for an elevator. They ride the elevator to the roof. The elevator stops half-way there. Enemy soldiers cut a hole in the ceiling of the elevator and they enter. The group fights off the soldiers. John said, "Now, how are we going to get to the top of this place?" The soldiers look around. John focuses hard. He said, "We can use our mystical powers to make the elevator fly to the top. We all need to work together though." All the mystical warriors try and they make the elevator fly to the roof and they get out. John spots the controls to the plasma beam. John uses his sword to fight off the soldier controlling the beam. John goes to the controls and he turns off the shield. John and some other mystical warriors jump and wave their swords at the plasma beam generator and they destroy it. John and the other mystical warriors look down below and they see a small group of Maloians walk down the street holding up a white flag. One of the commander soldiers said, "Now get the hell of our new property!" The Maloians leave.

The group arrives back at the base. The general places a medal on John. The general said, "John Hirsch. You are our most valuable player. Your plan is what destroyed the plasma cannon which is what allowed us to take over the city. It wouldn't have been a victory if it weren't for your planning and your heroism." The general places a medal on Konstantine. He said, "Konstantine, you've fought well too." The general gives Jack a dirty look. The general said, "You need to actually fight. You're not going to get a medal if all you do is stand there and do nothing at all." Jack said, "This is fraud. We shouldn't be fighting." The general said, "Would you like to spend the next five years in prison?" Jack said, "Anywhere would be better than being in a place where you have to attack people you don't know." The general said,

"John, we are making you a colonel in our army. Konstantine, you will be a major. Jack, you will just be a private. All of you have done well except for Jack."

In a dark room, a figure looks at several computer screens. He watches footage of the battle that just happened in the city. He sees John fights off the Maloian troops with great courage and strength. He sees Konstantine is just doing the same thing. He sees that Jack does not seem to be doing anything at all. He sees Jack appears to be nervous and he seems to be reluctant to fight. The figure presses a button on a large keyboard. A door opens up and a man in a suit enters. He said, "You summoned me, my lord." The figure said, "I've watched the footage from the last battle. I am interested in a mystical warrior. One of them refuses to kill any of the Maloian troops. He does not seem to want to do anything to help his teammates. I think I know something. I want you to tell our spy to pay special attention to that man. I think he could be a powerful ally of ours." The suited man said, "Yes me lord. I will tell our spy that."

Chapter 6

The king is still sick in bed. He is in the hospital section of his castle. His son, Leov enters the room. Leov sees his father is unconscious again. Leov tries to get his father's attention but it does nothing. Leov said, "You've been a great father. You really have. You have had a steady rule on this kingdom for a few decades. You've been an inspiration to many. It is now time that all that comes to an end." Leov goes to his father's life-support machine and he pulls the plug on it. His father begins to slowly die. The computer makes a loud continuous beeping sound. Leov watches his father die. The king dies. Leov connects his father back to life-support. Leov presses a button on the wall and a medic comes to the room. Leov said, "I just entered the room and look..." The medic looks at the life-support machine and he looks at the readings of the king. The medic said, "His heart has stopped and his pulse has stopped too." The medic attempts to revive the king by placing medical devices on him. Leov said, "Is any of this doing anything?" The medic continues trying and he shakes his head no. The medic said, "I'm afraid the king is dead." Leov said, "Dead! That's awful. I will inform everyone about this horrific tragedy."

John Hirsch sits in his dorm room at his desk and he writes in his journal. He narrates as he writes, "September 27, 1938. I have been living in the school dorm and have been studying for a few weeks now. I have paid careful attention to the people I live with and work with. I have only found a few suspects. I think my roommate; Jack Prime may be among our enemy. He didn't fight any of the Maloians in the last battle and he keeps making long speeches that our fighting of the Maloian people is wrong. He even admits that they may be better people than us. I have not proven yet if this is true or not but I will keep a careful eye on him. I hope I find this spy before it is too late and our kingdom gets compromised." John looks up and he rubs his chin as he thinks of what to write next. Then, Jack Prime enters the dorm room. Jack said, "John! John!" John said, "What is it?" Jack said, "The king has died." John said, "Really?" Jack hands John a tablet and it shows a news report. A reporter is talking about

the king that died. John said, "I think this means we will be going to a funeral soon. We all probably have to go to a funeral."

John, Konstantine, and Jack are standing in a line with a large group of other mystical warriors and they are all dressed in black. They gather around in the city square in front of the king's castle. News reporters and other civilians gather around. They watch the balcony of the king's castle and they see Leov walk out with Drex and a priest. The priest begins to speak. He said, "We gather here in loving memory of King Santiago of Leglas. The first king called, Santiago and the thirtieth king of Leglas since the formation of the kingdom a thousand years earlier. Santiago was a brave man. He stood up for us in times of need. He helped us discover who we are and he drove us to prosperity. He has not been able to help the poor in recent years since most of our resources were needed for the war we are in right now and that we continue to fight in. I will let the new king speak, welcome the new King Leov of Leglas." Leov steps up and he said, "I am truly saddened by the loss of our king, my father. He was an inspiration to me and to our royal family. When my nephew, Drex's parents were killed in an accident, the king gladly took him in and raised him as if he was his own son. I know sad times are among us with the war and all but, that will end soon. As king, I declare we take extensive measures to make sure this war ends as soon as possible. I will place mystical warriors on patrol to find the enemy strongholds and to have them destroyed so the war will end with the enemy waving a white flag to us. I am appointing, John Hirsch and warriors of his choosing to lead this invasion force." John gulps and everyone looks at him.

After the funeral, the people that attended eat food that is given and they drink coffee and ginger ale and they talk to each other about the king and other current events. Jack runs into the professor. Jack said, "What did you think of the king?" The professor said, "He was a decent man. I do think this war of his was unjust. I don't think it is right for us to go about and kill off a large group of people just because we don't have the resources to maintain our place. I am sure there are other worlds we could have gone too where there were people that are willing to give us their resources." Jack said, "Are there other worlds that are not ours nor theirs?" The professor said, "There is no proof but it is believed that there are other worlds. They would require a different set of crystals that may be hidden somewhere in our world or theirs but I'm sure they will be found eventually. I don't like the way the war is going. I'm sure John will choose you to go with him on his invasions." Jack said, "Konstantine and myself are his only friends." The professor said, "I know you could do well. I wasn't angry at you when you refused to fight in that other battle. I would have done the same if I were you. The king needs to know about people like us so we send a message to him."

Chapter 7

John, Konstantine, and Jack get suited up along with other Leglas soldiers. They all jump in a black armored van and they drive off into the night. They explore the Maloian territory. John looks at a computer inside the truck and he looks for traces of Maloian forces. One of the soldiers in the truck said, "Colonel Hirsch, we found traces of a factory in the northwest quadrant of our scope." John said, "Plot a course for that point. Try to stay away from anything that may

be their sensors. We must avoid detection at all costs." They head for the factory. They park close to it. John takes out a spray can and he sprays it at the wall and it does not reveal any lasers. John said, "There does not seem to be any sensors on this. We can climb up. John takes out a harpoon gun and he fires it at the top of the roof and it clings to the edge. John climbs up the rope and Konstantine, Jack, and the other troops climb up. John said, "Blue group, you stay at the truck and patrol the perimeter of the factory. Alert us if anyone comes. Gold group will come with us." The heroes climb up the rope and they get to the roof. They see a vent cover on the roof and they try to open it. John takes out his light-sword and he cuts it off and they all pull it out. John jumps down first and he ends up in a vent. Konstantine, and Jack follow him in. John sees a vent cover and he looks down. He sees a factory where they are assembling robotic troops. John said, "It looks like they are using robots to fight us. John continues to crawl and he looks down another vent cover. He sees robots cutting metal bricks in half with their hands. He sees someone with a black light-sword with red lines in it trying to beat down one of the robots but the robot does not get damaged at all. John said, "We may have a serious problem on our hands?"

John continues to crawl with everyone behind him and they fall down the vent. They land in a barrel filled with bags of white powder. John said, "This appears to be gunpowder. I really don't like the look of this." Konstantine said, "Where are we? How are we going to get out of here?" John said, "Someone must have entered this place so there must be a way out." They jump out of the barrel. They see a large door but there are no buttons to open it with. The door opens and the heroes run to the sides of the door. They see Maloian soldiers enter and they see a scientist with them. The scientist said, "With this gunpowder, we can use this to blow up this place after we evacuate everyone so no one will discover this place and no one will know about our plan." The scientist looks at the vent cover and he sees someone fell through it. The scientist said, "It looks like someone fell through our vent. It looks like we have an unexpected visitor in this place." The scientist takes out a remote and he presses a button on it. He then turns around and he sees the heroes. He said, "Eek! There's Leglas warriors in this place! Get them!" John, Konstantine, and Jack take out their swords and they fight off the soldiers that are next to the scientist. John holds his sword up to the scientist and John said, "Talk! What are you doing here and what is the purpose of this?" The scientist said, "I would be betraying my king if I did that." John said, "I will cut your head off if you don't speak to me." The scientist said, "You won't get anything from me." John said, "Fine." John begins to swing his sword to the scientist and then the overpowered robots walk in. They take out giant plasma cannons and they fire them at the heroes. The members from Gold group begin firing at the robots and they use their cannons and they vaporize the soldiers completely. Jack looks at what just happened and he runs away in fear and in panic." John and Konstantine attempt to fight the robots. John cuts the cannons off the robots and he stabs his sword into the head of one of them. John's sword gets stuck in the robot's head and the robot picks up John. Konstantine cuts the robot's arm off and he cuts the robot's head off and it falls to the floor and John pulls his sword out. The damaged robot continues to fight.

John looks around and he realizes that this fight cannot be won. John spots the gunpowder and he gives Konstantine a look that suggests he has an idea. John uses his super speed power and he runs past the robots. John stands still and he lets the robot that still has a functional cannon lock onto him. The robot fires the cannon and John quickly rolls out of the way and the cannon fire hits the gunpowder. The gunpowder explosion causes a large fire. The fire begins to spread and other things in the factory begin to catch on fire. The ceiling

catches on fire and a piece of the ceiling falls off and it hits both robots and destroys them. John said, "We have to get out of here!" Konstantine said, "Where's Jack?" John said, "He's in trouble in another room in this factory. You escape and I will go and look for him." Konstantine said, "I can't leave you here. I need to help you find Jack." John said, "Okay, let's find him."

John and Konstantine use their swords to cut through a barricade of debris and they enter the fire filled room. They see Jack and he is swinging his sword in defense at the Maloian soldiers that are crowding around him. John and Konstantine rapidly swing their swords and they fight off all the Maloian soldiers. John said, "You're safe now. Come with us." Jack shakes in fear and he points to something behind John and Konstantine. John and Konstantine turn around and they see a black cloaked figure with a black and dark red bladed light-sword. John and Konstantine hold their light-swords at the cloaked figure. John said, "Who are you and what's your deal?" The figure said, "I want the one you call, Jack. He is talented and he is the most powerful of the three swords men I'm staring at." John and Konstantine look at each other and they scratch their heads. Konstantine said, "How do you know if he's better than us?" The cloaked figure said, "I just know. Now give him to me." John said, "He's not an object. We cannot give him to anyone." The cloaked figure said, "You're just going to have to fight me then."

John and Konstantine clash blades with the cloaked figure. The figure swings at John and he blocks the attack with his sword and he swings back at the cloaked figure and the figure blocks the attack with his sword. Konstantine tries to take a swing at the figure and he blocks the attack with his sword. John tries to swing his sword at the figure and the figure quickly moves and he cuts the feet of John and Konstantine and they fall to the floor. Jack looks at what has happened and he gets a tight grip on his sword and he holds it with both hands at the figure. Jack said, "You will not take me." Jack runs to the figure and the figure raises his sword and strikes from above and Jack blocks the attack. Jack cuts the cloak of the figure from the legs but Jack just cuts the cloak. The figure punches Jack in the face and Jack tries to cut the hand holding the sword off and the figure slashes his sword through the middle of Jack's gut. Jack falls to the floor in pain. The figure said, "You're weak! You won't be weak if you come with me and you can unlock all the secrets that are hidden in you." Jack said, "Never!" Jack runs to the figure while swinging his sword from left to right and he hits the figure's sword and Jack hits the figure's sword from above and he jumps and he strikes the figure's head. The figure moves backwards and puts his hand to his head in pain. The figure said, "You're good, but I'm better." The figure throws his cloak at Jack and Jack tries to cut it off. The figure slashes his sword at Jack. Jack falls to the floor. The figure picks up Jack and he flies to the ceiling with Jack.

John and Konstantine get up and Konstantine said, "Who the hell was that?" John said, "I never heard of an evil mystical warrior before. I didn't know it was possible for a Maloian to be a mystical warrior. If they get an army of them and if they're all like that... we might just lose this war." Konstantine said, "It's getting too hot and dry in here and I'm surprised this place has not fallen apart yet considering it has been on fire for some time now." John said, "We'll get out of here." John and Konstantine see a vent on the wall and they cut into it and they climb up it and they fall out the side of the building. They regroup with the team that was to stay at the truck. John and Konstantine get into the truck and the truck speeds away. John said, "We lost

all of Gold group and Jack has been seriously injured and he has been captured by the enemy. The situation is getting worse all the time.”

Chapter 8

John and Konstantine report to the army base. The general sits in his office seat and John and Konstantine sit in chairs on the other side of the desk. The general said, “This does look grim. We have reports that we lost more mystical warriors in other battles. I never heard of any of them being kidnapped before. Not that many people are capable of becoming mystical warriors. They need to be blessed by the ancient mystic Trilligion Gods that believe them to be able. They need to be able to brave the dangers of the Trilligion Cave in Leglas. That’s the only place that I know of where mystical warriors can be made. I don’t think they would have allowed for a Maloian to become a mystical warrior.” John said, “Some people at the school that we go to have been speaking of a suspected spy that may be at the school. I wonder if this spy was on our side and he was a mystical warrior that defected to the Maloian side. He could be giving them valuable secrets right now.” The general said, “I’ll make sure my men keep a careful patrol of our territory. We’ll watch out for any more of this.” John said, “Thank you.” John and Konstantine get up and they bow to the general and they leave his office.

They get into the hallway and Konstantine said, “What do you think will become of us?” John said, “The obvious is that dark times are yet to come. This war is going to get worse before it gets better.” Konstantine said, “That’s what scares me.” They see their professor walking down the hallway of the base. John and Konstantine stop him. John said, “Professor, I’m glad you’re here. I have some bad news, Jack has been captured and now the Maloians have a cloaked evil mystical warrior on their side.” Professor said, “Jack has not been kidnapped.” John said, “What do you mean?” Professor said, “He got badly injured and someone brought him to the medical ward at the school. I’ll show you.”

John, Konstantine, and the professor are in the medical ward at the school. Konstantine said, “I didn’t know the school had a medical ward.” Professor said, “It does and I think he’s right here.” The three of them look at Jack with a body that is covered in bandages and is connected to a life support machine. John said, “Do you know who brought him here?” The professor said, “It was the farming couple that the king sent here to start a farm. They brought him here.” John said, “Was there a black cloak with him?” The professor said, “No, he was just in a wheelbarrow.” John said, “This keeps getting stranger and stranger. It is as if our enemy is trying to challenge our logic. They are trying to break our logic so we will be weaker when they strike and then, our kingdom is going to be doomed.” Konstantine said, “What should we do about this?” John said, “We must learn more attacks and defenses. The best offense is a good defense. Maybe our professor can help us solve this mystery and take down this evil.” The professor said, “I already have enough to do. I am marking your examination tests from last week and I need to prepare for the one next week too.” John said, “I don’t mean to criticize you

but this is more important than marking tests. We are talking about national security and the fate of the kingdom." The professor said, "I've only been hired to teach you and to train you and I served in a few battles but that's it. I am not paid to do anything more." Konstantine said, "Were you drafted?" Professor said, "No. The king thinks I'm too important to lose." John and Konstantine get their heads close to each other. John said, "They may be getting to us right now. Our professor seemed like a noble man that is willing to do all to help us when we were first introduced to him. Now, the kingdom is falling apart, our lives are in danger and he does not give a damn. We should get going." John and Konstantine leave the hospital wing.

John and Konstantine pace in John's dorm room. Konstantine said, "I cannot seem to make any connections in this. Why would Maloians give a dangerous prisoner to a random farming couple?" John said, "I think our professor may be lying to us." Konstantine said, "What makes you think so?" John said, "Nothing about this seems logical. Use your logic. Logic is our understanding of other people as well as ourselves. I have tried to adapt to this logic and I have tried to analyze it in its full context. The professor knows something that we don't know and he's hiding it from us. I wonder if the king or some higher power ordered him to do this. I have an idea. The medical ward and every other ward in this school is under video surveillance. If we can get to the video recording room, we may be able to collect the recording of the couple or whoever delivering the wounded Jack to the medical ward. We would then know if the professor was telling the truth or not." Konstantine said, "What if he wasn't?" John said, "We would then know that the professor has been lying to us and that he may be a spy working for the Maloians and he then would have to be arrested at once." Konstantine said, "That's a bit of a conclusion to jump to." John said, "What else am I to do? The kingdom as we know it may not exist at this time tomorrow." Konstantine said, "I guess we can try. How will we get into the security room? It's not like they'll just let us in." John said, "I will try to find a vent that leads into the room. You will create a distraction and keep the guards away from the room while I steal the footage. I will then leave and I'll connect the drive to my computer and we will have our results." Konstantine said, "You never cease to surprise me." John said, "That's why I was accepted into this school. It is because we're the best and only the best get to go to this school."

John finds a vent and he crawls through it and he tries to crawl to the security room. He finds the room and he sees a security guard sitting at the wall filled with computer screens showing security footage from all over the campus. John takes out a remote in his pocket and he presses a button on it. John speaks into the remote. He said, "Konstantine, I'm at my spot. You may give the distraction now." Konstantine walks by the door and he takes out his light-sword and he bangs on the door. The guard answers the door and he said, "What is it?" Konstantine said, "There's an intruder. A Maloian soldier is roaming the hallways of this school. I tried to fight him but he escaped and he is running loose. I saw him run over to the engineering ward. If we run there now we may catch him." The security guard leaves the room with Konstantine and no one is left in the security room. John takes the vent cover off and he jumps into the room and he looks at the security footage. John sees a portable hard-drive that contains the footage from the medical ward. John grabs it and he uses his powers to jump back into the vent and to place the vent cover back on.

John calls Konstantine using his remote again. John said, "I have the footage. We can go back to my dorm now." John runs back to his dorm and he reunites with Konstantine. They

go to John's computer and John connects the hard-drive to his computer. There is several hours of video footage of the medical ward on it. John tries skipping through it to the point where it will show Jack being placed in the medical ward. John constantly skips through it and eventually, they come across the truth. They see the cloaked figure enters the medical room and he places Jack on a bed. The cloaked figure looks around and he turns his face to the security camera. John and Konstantine's mouths drop open when they see who it is. Konstantine said, "It can't be. Could it?" John said, "I'm afraid so." John and Konstantine see that their professor is the cloaked figure that they ran into at the factory that captured Jack. Konstantine said, "What are we going to do?" John said, "We need to tell the director of this school. We need to do even more than that. We need to tell the king that we have a traitor and a spy among us." Konstantine said, "We have class with him tomorrow. What if..." John said, "We can't take any more risks. He has endangered our kingdom. Our kingdom could be defeated in this war because of him." Konstantine said, "Why would he bring a wounded Jack to the medical ward of this school?" John said, "I don't know the whole reason but what I do know is that it must be part of his plan to take over this school and the kingdom. He may bring it into action before we realize it."

Chapter 9

John and Konstantine arrive at school the next day and they take their seats as all the other students pile in at their seats. The professor enters the class. He said, "Hello everyone. I have some bad news. Our fellow student, Jack Prime has died yesterday in a fire from complications that were given to him from an unknown source." John stands up and he said, "Liar! We know the source that gave him the complications! It wasn't an unknown man. It was you! We saw the security footage. We know the truth. You're with the Maloians and you have a plot to take over the school and eventually rule the kingdom of Leglas. I cannot allow this to continue." The professor said, "That's a pretty bold accusation you've just made there. It is not good to accuse people of things you are not sure of." John said, "But I am sure of this. I have security footage right here that proves that you took the badly beaten up Jack to the medical ward. Not the farm couple that you told us about last night." Professor said, "You are greatly mistaken. You are probably looking at footage from a motion picture they were watching in that security room." John said, "I doubt that." John places his computer down and his screen shows the footage and the whole class stares at it. John even shows the part where the professor lies about him bringing Jack to the medical ward. All the students give the professor an angry look. The professor said, "You can't believe this rubbish." One student said, "John saved my life a few times in battles and his intellect has saved more people. I would trust John with my life." Another student said, "I would too." Another student stands up and said, "We need to rid this class of the evil that stands in front." The student turns on his silver light-sword. All the students turn on their light-swords and they aim them at the professor. Professor said, "It looks like I have no other choice." The professor takes off his silver prosthetic leg and a real leg pops out from underneath. Professor reaches in the prosthetic leg and he pulls out a light-sword handle. He turns it on and a red blade with black lines comes out. The students charge towards him and he fights off a student that runs to him. The professor uses his sword to defeat more of the students and most of the students don't stand a chance against him. John looks at Konstantine and he said, "We need a better plan." John said, "Everyone! Leave the room now. We will

have the army deal with this menace." The surviving students leave the room and they run out into the halls. Konstantine pulls the fire alarm so everyone will leave the building.

John and Konstantine lead a group of students down a hallway and Maloian troops show up. The students take their swords to the troops and they fight off the troops. They try to exit the building. They see an exit in the plantation ward. They head for the exit and a strange figure stops them. He has a gray face and he has robotic parts connected to him. He wears a suit of black armor and he reveals he has a black light-sword. John takes a careful look at the figure. John said, "Jack. You're Jack. This is Jack. He's not dead. He got robotic parts built into him." The figure speaks in a robotic voice and he said, "All you mystical warriors are to be terminated by order of the king of Maloxia." John said, "Do you recognize us? We are your friends. You are not against us. You are with us." Jack said, "I must kill you." Jack uses his powers to make a piece of the ceiling fall off and crush a few students. John and Konstantine hold their light-swords at Jack and they begin to duel. Other students join in. Jack jumps to the floor and he spins around with his light-sword cutting the legs of the students. John and Konstantine jump back and they avoid Jack. John tries to jab his sword into Jack but he blocks it with his sword. Jack jumps back up and he kicks John in the chest. Konstantine clashes his sword with Jack's. John jumps back in and they continue dueling. John swings his sword into Jack's sword and John notices that there is a small black cube connected to Jack's brain. John thinks, "That cube is connected to his brain. It may be the thing controlling him. If I can destroy it, I may be able to bring Jack back." John tries to swing his sword at it but Jack blocks it with his sword and he moves his clashed sword closer to John.

Konstantine swings his sword and he tries to hit Jack's back but Jack quickly moves his sword to it blocks Konstantine's sword. John slashes Jack's body diagonally forming an X on Jack's body. John jabs his sword through Jack. Jack pulls John's sword out of him. Jack slashes John and he spins and he falls to the floor. Konstantine grabs onto John and he tries to find another exit. They see Maloian soldiers firing rounds of their plasma weapons at Leglas soldiers in the halls. Students try helping by slashing down the Maloian soldiers. Konstantine drags John to an exit.

While this happens, the professor roams the halls of the school looking for students. Konstantine drags John to the training room with all the machinery. Konstantine notices that it is dark and there is no one in it. John rests and John said, "I will be fine as I rest. It is hard to rest in chaos like this." Konstantine said, "I'll defend you for the time being." Just then, the professor enters the training room. The professor said, "You can't hide from me nor the truth for long. I have other spies in the king's castle right now and they report to me every night about what they find. The kingdom of Leglas' days are numbered." Konstantine said, "That's what you think." Konstantine crosses swords with the professor. They duel. The professor takes multiple swings at Konstantine and he manages to block all the sword swings. Konstantine cuts the shoulder of the professor with his sword. The professor slashes his sword and Konstantine jumps out of the way having the professor strike the floor. They duel some more and Konstantine gets a few more cuts at the professor. The cuts were only at his cloak. The professor does a spin and it strikes Konstantine's sword multiple times. John gets up and he walks up the stairs of a catwalk. He has an idea that could help Konstantine defeat the professor. They continue to duel and they don't pay attention to John at all. John gets to the top and he sees a giant counterweight being held by metal rope. John throws his sword at the

ropes and it cuts them and his sword lands back in his hands. The counterweight falls and Konstantine and the professor run to the other side of the room so they miss the weight completely.

Konstantine and the professor duel close to machinery. Gears begins to grind and other machine parts begin to move. The professor swings his sword at Konstantine and Konstantine ducks and he swings his sword and he hits the professor with it. The professor flinches in pain but he gets back to the fight. The professor swings his sword left to right and he walks to Konstantine forcing him to step backwards. Konstantine's back is right at the wall of machinery and gears grinding. The professor does an uppercut with his sword and Konstantine is thrown into the machinery and Konstantine is in the grinding gears. John screams, "No!" The professor looks up and he sees John on the catwalk above. The professor walks up the stairs to get to the catwalk John is on. The professor approaches John with his sword and he said, "Your friend is dead now. You will be with him soon." John said, "I don't think so." John and the professor duel at the catwalk. John uses anger and rage and he rapidly swings his sword at the professor. He hits the professor's sword repeatedly and the professor jumps back. The professor said, "You have anger and you know how to use it well." John said, "You think?" John kicks the professor in the face and the professor does a back-flip. The professor kicks John in the face and John almost falls off the catwalk. John regains his balance and he gets his feet back on the catwalk and he continues to fight the professor.

The professor said, "You will not escape. You will be killed like your friend." John looks at the catwalk below him. John uses his sword to cut the floor of the catwalk. The catwalk splits and John grabs onto one railing and the professor grabs onto the other railing. They keep swinging their swords at each other and hitting their swords. John jumps up and he lands above the professor and he collides his sword into the professor's body. John takes his sword away from the professor and the professor releases his grip on the railing of the broken catwalk and he falls to his death. The professor's body smashes on the cold hard floor. John climbs up the broken catwalk and he gets back to the stairs and he walks back down. John sees the chaos is still going on in the hallways. John sees Leglas soldiers shooting at Maloian soldiers. John said to a soldier, "What is going on with the battle?" The soldier said, "Most students have been killed by the evil Jack and the evil professor. The school has been evacuated and it will be vaporized in two minutes with a plasma bomb we have en route. I suggest you leave now." John leaves the school and he watches the plasma bomb get dropped on the school.

Chapter 10

John Hirsch returns to Leglas. He goes to a public funeral in the heart of the main city in front of the king's castle. King Leov stands on his balcony and he said, "This is a sad day. Not only is it a sad day for the kingdom of Leglas, it is also a sad day for all those dreamers and philosophers and everyone else that believes in the greater good. We have lost over a hundred young mystical warriors in the last few days and this all happened because of a traitor that

worked with us. Professor Encuinni Deadlock was a Maloian that somehow got mystical powers and he was successful at destroying the new school we built in the new world. This will never happen again. We will do something. We now will have stricter measures for security in the cave of the Trilligion Gods that grant the mystical warriors with the amazing powers they possess. We did successfully destroy the traitor and we will no longer build any schools in the new world." More people come to the front and they tell stories of people that were lost over the course of the massacre. John Hirsch cannot stand anymore of what is being presented. He leaves the funeral. John walks back to his small house and he crashes on his bed. He sees Jack getting beat up and then being built into an evil robot. John tosses and turns and he yells in pain.

John hears a knock at his door. He opens it and the king walks in. The king said, "It is not your fault that those people died." John said, "I know I could have stopped this from happening. If I knew, I could have killed the professor when he wasn't looking and all those students wouldn't have been killed and Jack would not be one of them right now." The king said, "You didn't know he would do that. Not all villains kill everyone that stand in their way. You did fight well against him. Konstantine has been awarded with the Special Royal Medal of Honor. There will be a memorial plaque with his name on it. It will be placed in the courtyard of the royal palace where we have the memorials for all the other brave men that died serving this kingdom. The burial site of my greatest grandfather, the one that fought the old-age evil and ultimately created this kingdom and the monarchy that serves it. Konstantine will be remembered just as our founder, Kris Kalitis." John said, "I knew Konstantine didn't have to die. I can see myself. I can hear myself save him in another universe." The king said, "Don't dwell on things you cannot change. Fate has determined the things that will happen. Moping about them does not make it better." John said, "What else am I supposed to do?" The king said, "Since you are the one that defeated, Professor Deadlock, I have the Special Royal Medal of Honor for you." The king places the medal around the neck of John. John said, "I don't deserve this. I don't deserve any glory." The king said, "I wouldn't be so certain of that. You saved the kingdom. You defeated a high-ranking official from the other kingdom. They don't have him anymore. Jack has just as much experience as you. I know you can defeat Jack." John said, "I've done enough killing for a lifetime." The king said, "I never said you had to kill him. There are things you can do to bring him back that don't involve killing him. You just need to capture him and bring him back to our kingdom. I'm sure our engineers can fix him up. It's not all over. If you didn't do what you did, the Maloians would have found a way to get to our kingdom and they would have destroyed us. Because of what you've done, that won't happen now. You saved the lives of millions of civilians. You are entitled to a leave of absence for now. When you return, just remember your importance to us." John said, "I will try."

In a dark castle in a place with a black and red sky, Jack walks down a hallway and he approaches a large king wearing black armor. The king said, "You must be the one they call, Jack. Our spy has told me a lot about you. I will train you and you will serve us in the upcoming war. We will defeat those Leglas pigs and preserve our land. I do have a mission for you. I want you to help us obtain the only one remaining crystal which resides in Leglas. When we have all three, we can control the portal and do all we can with it. We may be able to create more of them that only we can use and we can conquer the kingdom of Leglas." Jack said, "Yes my master. I will make sure that gets done."

John stands in front of Konstantine's grave and he looks at the grave and he looks at all the other graves in the courtyard. John gives sad looks to all the graves and he leaves the courtyard.